

December 19, 2000

TO: Members of the MAG Telecommunications Advisory Group

FROM: Jim Hull, Mesa, Chairman

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

**Thursday, December 21, 2000, 10:00 a.m.**  
MAG Office, Suite 200, Palo Verde Room  
302 North 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Phoenix

A meeting of the MAG Telecommunications Advisory Group (TAG) will be held at the time and place noted above. Members of the Telecommunications Advisory Group may attend **either in person or by telephone conference call**. Those attending by telephone conference call are requested to call 602-261-7510 between 9:55 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. After prompting please enter the meeting ID number 624824 (MAGTAG) on your telephone key pad) followed by the pound key. If you have a problem or require assistance, dial 0 after calling the number above.

If you are attending in person please park in the garage under the Compass Bank Building. Bring your ticket to the meeting, parking will be validated. For those using transit, the Regional Public Transportation Authority will provide transit tickets for your trip. For those using bicycles, please lock your bicycle in the bike rack in the garage.

Please be advised that under procedures approved by the MAG Regional Council on June 26, 1996, all MAG committees need to have a quorum in order to conduct business. A quorum is a simple majority of the membership, or 9 people for the MAGTAG. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please make arrangements for a proxy from your jurisdiction to represent you.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Heidi Pahl at (602) 254-6300.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

	<u>ADVISORY GROUP ACTION REQUESTED</u>
1. Call to Order	
2. <u>Approval of December 1, 2000 Meeting Minutes</u>	2. Review and approve meeting minutes.

3. MAG Regional Videoconferencing System (RVS) Update

The MAG Regional Videoconferencing System (RVS) will implement videoconferencing technology to facilitate communication among MAG and its member agencies and reduce travel by eliminating the need to travel to as many meetings. MAG Regional Council approved the selection of Norstan Communications, Inc. as the new videoconferencing contractor on December 13, 2000. A status report will be provided.

4. Regional Community Wide Area Network (WAN) Study Update

The Regional Community WAN Study will identify WAN opportunities and prepare an implementation plan for those activities to achieve a flexible, coordinated long-term network solution. Seven proposals were received in response to the Regional Community WAN Study RFP. The Proposal Evaluation Group has reviewed all proposals and held interviews with selected Proposers. An update will be provided.

5. Review of MAG Federal Funds Projections for the FY 2002-2006 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Recent projections of MAG federal funds have increased substantially, principally due to the increase in Revenue Aligned Budget Authority (RABA) funds. The latest analysis shows that an additional \$27 million will be available. In order to be able to include the projects that will use these funds in the Draft FY 2002-2006 MAG TIP, there is a suggested timetable for programming. See Attachment One. An update will be provided.

3. For information and discussion.

7. For information, discussion and possible action.

5. For information, discussion and possible action.

6. Regional Connections

Regional Connections will further e-mail and Internet connectivity as well as create a basic web presence for those member agencies who are not yet using these technologies. An update on the project implementation will be provided.

6. For information and discussion.

7. Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Shared Resources for Telecommunications Request for Proposal (RFP)

MAGTAG member, Craig Stender, will provide an update on the Shared Resources for Telecommunications RFP process. Proposals were due November 30, 2000 from the telecommunications industry and qualified telecommunications developers. Proposals were to address furnishing telecommunications infrastructure to ADOT in exchange for access to Controlled Access Roadway throughout the state. The purpose of this project is to improve the state highway system, provide enhanced transportation management, and increase quality traffic information to ADOT management and the traveling public while continuing to advance public safety. An update will be provided.

6. For information and discussion.

8. Arizona Partnership for the New Economy (APNE) Recommendations from Building Connections to Opportunities

APNE was formed to prepare Arizona for the future. One of the five hot teams, Building Connections to Opportunities, will be discussed. See Attachment Two for their draft Breakthrough Action Plan.

8. For information and discussion.

In terms of Building Connections to Opportunities, Arizona would like to be the first state in the union to guarantee access to advanced communications services to all residents and enterprises. An update will be provided by Mark Goldstein.

9. TeleCon 2000 Conference Update

TeleCon 2000 is the leading conference in collaboration and video and audio conferencing technologies. From December 5, 2000 to December 8, 2000, MAG staff, Heidi Pahl, attended TeleCon 2000 in Anaheim California. Participation in the conference provided an excellent opportunity to gain a greater understanding of videoconferencing technology, where the market is today and where it is heading in the future. Interesting facts and stories from the tutorials, workshops and conference sessions about the application of telecommunications technology will be discussed. An update will be provided.

10. Announcements and Public Input

An opportunity will be provided to Committee members and members of the public to address the MAGTAG.

11. Date of Next Meetings

The next meeting of the MAGTAG is scheduled for January 25, 2000. Meetings for calendar year 2001 will be discussed. See Attachment Three.

9. For information and discussion.

10. For information.

11. For information, discussion and possible action.